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Amendment to the claims:

1. (Currently amended) An amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole, which has a chiral purity of at least 99.0%.
2. (Currently amended) The amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole of claim 1, wherein a ~~cation~~ the salt is selected from the group consisting Na, Mg, Li, ~~K~~, Ca, and N(R)₄, salts, where R is a hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole of claim 2, wherein the ~~cation comprises~~ salt is a Mg salt.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole of claim 2, wherein the ~~cation comprises~~ salt is a Ca salt.
7. (Previously amended) The amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole of claim 1, wherein the esomeprazole salt has the X-ray diffraction pattern of a plain halo.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a therapeutically effective amount of an amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole, which has a chiral purity of at least 99.0%; and
one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.
10. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 9, wherein the ~~cation salt~~ salt is selected from the group consisting of Na, Mg, Li, ~~K~~, Ca, and N(R)₄, salts, where R is a hydrogen or an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10, wherein the ~~cation comprises~~ salt is a Mg salt.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10, wherein the ~~cation comprises~~ salt is a Ca salt.
15. (Cancelled)
- 16 – 38. (Cancelled)
39. (New) An amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole magnesium, which has a chiral purity of at least 99.0%.
40. (New) An amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole magnesium, which has a chiral purity of about 99.8%.

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41. (New) An amorphous form of a salt of esomeprazole magnesium, which has a chiral purity of 99.8%.